

### Those to Serve

(B) Keith Stifflemire

(FV) Calvin Burks

(O) Doug Pruett

(A) Mike Mallett

1st prayer Judd Wall

2nd prayer Jorge Garza

Announcements: Jack Wall

Singing: Kevin Grant

#### October 4th

Mission Sunday

#### October 12th

Columbus Day

#### October 25th

Noon Fellowship

#### November 1st

Mission Sunday

#### November 3rd

ELECTION DAY

#### November 11th

Veterans Day

#### November 26th

Thanksgiving Day

Happy Birthday

Judd Wall Oct. 10th

Mike Mallett Oct. 21st

Ruby Jones Oct 24th

Valerie Garza Nov 1st

### Prayer List:

David Jones

Virginia Lovell

Dennis Sheldon

Janell Houts Hall

Odell Mallett

Dora Martinez

Mona Lancaster

Willis Hughes

Letha Sheldon

Ruby Jones

Pray for our Nation

Our Troops

Law Enforcement

Rescue Personnel

### Quotes & Sayings

- *Conscience is the inner voice that warns us somebody may be looking.*  
(Henry Louis Mencken)
- *If people are sleeping during the sermon the preacher may be the one who needs to wake up.*
- *I do not believe in excuses. I believe in hard work as the prime solvent of life's problems.*  
James Cash Penney
- *Opportunities are usually disguised as hard work, so most people don't recognize them.* Ann Landers

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## Evant church of Christ

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*Attending church services regularly is like making a path through the forest: the more often you use it, the less obstruction you find in the way."*

Sunday Worship:

9:30 am Bible Study

10:20 am Worship

12:30 pm Afternoon

Wednesday Night

6:00 pm

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## ***Beware the Band Wagon***

A band wagon was a large, decorated wagon upon which a musical band performed, often at the front of a parade. As spectators applauded the musicians, other people might jump onboard and ride along, hoping to share in the glory. When the music stopped and the applause died down, however, the extra passengers would jump right back off. Thus, the practice of joining any popular trend came to be known as “climbing onto the band wagon.”

In New Testament days, multitudes of people were converting to Christ. They faced the danger of the “band wagon” effect just as we do. Paul taught some of them: “*as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling*” (Philippians 2:12). To work something out is to see it through to completion (think of “*working out*” a math problem – you cannot stop in the middle of your calculations, but must complete the process).

Happily, our brethren in the Jerusalem church were not band wagon disciples. Luke mentions four items (Acts 2:42) in which they continued steadfastly:

The apostles’ teaching. First, they continued to be taught by the apostles. Second, they constantly behaved in keeping with what the apostles taught them. Being a Christian involves life-long learning and growing. When you stop learning and growing, you start dying!

Fellowship. The church is a spiritual family. Going it alone is next to impossible. The early church regularly spent much time together, sharing one another’s joys, sorrows, successes, and failures. When fellowship wanes, disciples weaken and may perish.

The breaking of the bread. We need constant reminders of Jesus and what He did for us at Calvary. The Lord ordained Communion (the Lord’s Supper) upon the first day of each week (Acts 20:7) for this very purpose. “Do this in remembrance of Me” (Luke 22:19).

Prayers. Paul wrote to the Colossians to “continue in prayer” (4:2). Jesus taught that we ought always to pray and not lose heart (Luke 18:1). Did you pray yesterday? Pray again today! Did you pray this morning? Pray again tonight!

Let us not treat the Lord and His church like a band wagon. When we obeyed the gospel, we committed ourselves to a lifetime of faithfulness. May we continue steadfastly as the early disciples did!

By Joe Slater

## ***Give God Your Awe***

In the Bible, we read of a shepherd in the arid regions of Midian who saw something that captivated his attention. He saw a bush engulfed in flames but not consumed by them. Moses stopped to investigate this very unique and special event. As he inched closer Moses heard a voice telling him to take off his sandals, for he was on HOLY ground; he was in the presence of God.

When we approach God, it is a privileged and powerful moment like Moses at the burning bush. For this reason, some of my peers only use the term “awesome” to describe our Heavenly Creator. What was our attitude and reaction the last time we approached God? Did we give God our awe?

Awe is such an important element in approaching the Creator of all things. It contains two primary elements: wonder and amazement coupled with respect. “Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire” (Hebrews 12:28-29).

After Jacob’s vision about the dwelling place of God, he said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven,” (Genesis 28:17, ESV). The Bible describes the works, character, name, wisdom, appearance, and word of God as causing awe (Psalm 65:5; Nehemiah 1:5; Deuteronomy 28:58; 1 Kings 3:28; Job 37:22; Psalm 119:161). Even the day of the Lord is described as an awesome and terrifying event (Joel 2:11). Consider the great works and sacrifice of Jesus (Luke 5:25-26; Matt. 27:54).

Yet, the most awe-inspiring thing about our Creator and Sustainer is the selfless example we have in Jesus Christ. It should command our respect and cause wonder within our souls. It should provoke a self-examining spirit and cause us to ask the question, “What must I do to be saved?” Believing with our heart in Jesus Christ, we are told to turn from the practice of evil and sin and be immersed in water for the forgiveness of our sins (Acts 2:37-38, 17:30). Let us receive His blessings with wonder and fear recognizing our privilege and His power.

By Robert E. Guinn